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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

In response to the Notice (copy attached) mailed on May 20, 2002, submitted herewith are 15 sheets of formal drawings.

This Response is being submitted within the term set in the Notice of Missing Parts mailed on April 15, 2002.

Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due in connection with this Response. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165

any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 05/03/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 04/15/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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